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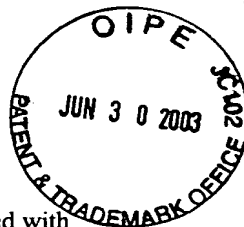
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Applicant: Ib Mendel-Hartvig et al : Paper No.:  
Serial No.: 09/582,808 : Group Art Unit: 1641  
Filed: October 16, 2000 : Examiner: G. Counts

For: **Analytical Method Using Particles and Test Kit for Performing the Method**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop CPA  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to first action by the Examiner in the present Continued Prosecution

Application, please amend the present application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 42-83 to read as follows:

42. (Amended) A method for use in a flow matrix, which utilizes biospecific affinity reactions to detect an analyte in a sample, and which comprises:
- i. allowing the sample comprising the analyte and an analytically detectable reactant (Reactant\*) to migrate through flow channels in a flow matrix to a detection zone (DZ) located in the matrix, in which there is a firmly anchored biospecific affinity reactant (Capturer), and